What is claimed is:

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1. A method of controlling software components in a processing system having plural nodes, comprising:

receiving a request to start the system;

determine one or more selected software components to start in each node;

and

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invoke, with a manager module, services to start the selected software components in the nodes of the processing system.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein invoking the services comprises invoking 2 WINDOWS® services.
 - 3. The method of claim 2, wherein invoking the services with the manager module comprises invoking the services with a WINDOWS® service control manager module.
 - 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising starting, with the services, corresponding software components in the nodes.
 - 5. The method of claim 4, wherein starting the software components comprises starting software components defined as WINDOWS® services.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising annuching a start routine, the start routine issuing a request to the manager module to invoke the services.
- 7. The method of claim 6, comprising running an instance of the manager module in each node.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the manager module instance in each node invokes corresponding one or more services in the node.

1	9.	The method of claim 8, wherein one of the nodes is a master node,
2	wherein launch	ing the start routine is performed in the master node.
1	10.	The method of claim 8, further comprising the start routine
2	communicating	g requests to manager module instances in the nodes to start corresponding
3	services.	
1	11.	The method of claim 1, wherein invoking the services comprises invoking
2	one service for	each software component.
1	12.	The method of claim, wherein invoking the services with a manager
2	module compri	ises invoking the services with a WINDOWS® service control manager
3	module.	
1	13.	A system comprising:
2		a plurality of nodes;
3		software components executable in corresponding nodes; and
4		a manager module executable in the system to invoke services to control
5	the software co	omponents.
1	14.	The system of claim 13, wherein the manager module comprises plural
2	instances execu	utable on corresponding nodes.
1	15.	The system of claim 13, wherein the manager module comprises a
2	WINDOWS® s	service control manager.
1	16.	The system of claim 13, wherein the services comprise WINDOWS®
2	services.	
1	17.	The system of claim 13, wherein the manager module is executable to
2	invoke services	s to start the software components.

1	18. The system of claim 17, further comprising a start procedure to invoke the
2	services through the manager module.
1	19. The system of claim 18, wherein the start procedure comprises a start
2	service and a program invokable by the start service.
1	20. A system comprising:
2	a plurality of nodes;
3	software components executable in corresponding nodes; and
4	a manager module executable to control the software components in the
5	plural nodes and to enable a monitoring module to monitor statuses of the software
6	components in the nodes.
1	21. An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media
2	containing instructions that when executed cause a system having plural nodes to:
3	receive a command to start software components in the plural nodes; and
4	launch services through a manager module to invoke corresponding
5	software components.
1	22. The article of claim 21, wherein the instructions when executed cause the
2	system to launch a start procedure to send requests to the manager module to launch the
3	services.
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